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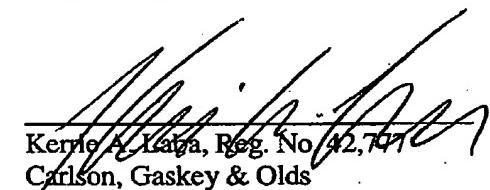
Serial No. 10/765,291
60,130-1907; 03MRA0279REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18, and 20-22 remain pending in the application including independent claims 1, 11, and 16. Claims 2 and 19 have been cancelled. Claims 11-15 are allowed. Claims 2-9 and 19-20 are indicated as allowable. Claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1, thus, claims 1-10 and 21-22 should now be in condition for allowance. Claim 19 has been incorporated into claim 16, thus, claims 16-18 and 20 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stech (US 5377736). Claims 10, 16, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stech in view of Hertel (US 3405952). Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stech in view of Hauser (US 6122996). Claims 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stech in view of Schultz (US 4883106). These rejections are moot in light of the amendments set forth above.

Applicant asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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